

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of  
Carly White et al.

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Support

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, submitted herewith are copies of the references listed below and on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application. No certification, petition, or fee are required. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1).

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the references identified herein and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. §609.

The references listed in this IDS comprises the most pertinent prior art known to applicant and its attorneys as of the date hereof. This IDS should not be construed as a representation that the cited references are material or that no better art exists.

It is requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute PTO Form 1449, and return one copy to Applicants' undersigned representative with the next action.

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